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HOSPITALS FOR BEEDI WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Beedi Workers are not getting adequate medical facilities in various States;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the number of hospitals and dispensaries set up in various States including Madhya Pradesh for the treatment of Beedi Workers;

(d) whether there is any proposal to set up new hospitals and dispensaries in the country to cater to the need of the Beedi Workers during the Tenth Plan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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28.04.2003 BY SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR REGARDING HOSPITALS FOR BEEDI WORKERS.

(a) & (b): A number of welfare schemes in the fields of health care are in operation throughout the country for the welfare of beedi workers through hospitals and dispensaries run by Labour welfare organization of Ministry of Labour, Government of India. Most of the dispensaries have been provided with vehicles for doing mobile duties to provide wider health coverage to workers spread out in for flung rural areas. In addition to these facilities, there is also a system of re-imbursement of medical expenditure for the treatment of serious diseases in specialized hospitals.

(c): There are four hospitals and 207 dispensaries throughout the country including 25 dispensaries in Madhya Pradesh, being run by Labour Welfare Organization, Ministry of Labour to cater to the health care needs of the beedi workers.

(d) & (e): There are three hospitals each at Sagar (Madhya Pradesh), Bihar Sharif (Bihar) and Mukkudal (Tamilnadu) under construction. Hospital at Bihar Sharif was sanctioned in April, 2001 and other two were sanctioned in October, 2001 with the condition that construction work be completed in 30 months. The task of construction has been assigned to Central Public Work Department.